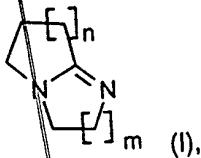


6. (amended)

A process for preparing a γ -alkoxyamine[s] by
a) reaction of an α , β -unsaturated nitrile[s] with a monohydric, dihydric or trihydric
alcohol[s] in the presence of basic catalysts at from -20 to +200°C to form β -
alkoxynitriles, and
b) subsequent hydrogenation of the β -alkoxynitriles in the presence of a
hydrogenation catalyst,

which comprises using in the first step a diazabicycloalkene catalyst of the formula I [as
set forth in claim 1]



where from 1 to 4 hydrogen atoms on the diazabicycloalkene nucleus may be
independently replaced by the radicals R¹ to R⁴, in which case R¹, R², R³, R⁴ are each C₁-
₂₀-alkyl, C₆₋₂₀-aryl or C₇₋₂₀-arylalkyl, and
n and m are each an integer from 1 to 6, and effecting the hydrogenation in the second
step in the presence of a hydrogenation catalyst and of the catalyst of the formula I.

REMARKS

The examiner is requested to favorably reconsider the rejection under 35 U.S.C.